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1. This steelworks is on the Riesa (N 52/E 81) - Elsterwerda (N 52/A 03) railroad line, and was assigned to the Mittel-deutsche Stahlwerke A.G. in Berlin (N 53/Z 75) until 1945. The plant suffered war damage in early 1945. The remain-ing equipment (totaling 31,000 tons) was completely dis-mantled by the Soviets and shipped to the Karl Liebknecht Plant in Dnepropetrovsk. Except for seven workshops, the Soviets also dismantled all steel structure (totaling 13,500 tons), including the sanitary and electrical in-stallations.
2. The plant had the following installations in 1944:
 - a. Steel-casting foundry:
 - Four basic open-hearth furnaces of 20 to 55-ton capacity
 - Electric arc furnace, 15-ton capacity
 - Electric arc furnace, 5-ton capacity
 - Lessemmer converter, 1.5-ton capacity
 - Two cupola furnaces, 4-ton per hour capacity
 - b. Malleable iron foundry:
 - Two cupola furnaces, 4-ton per hour capacity
 - Two cupola furnaces, 5-ton per hour capacity
 - c. Tube and grey iron foundry
 - d. Pressing shop and hammer mill

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- e. Wheel-set plant
- f. Fitting plant
- g. Thermal refinery
- h. Tool plant
- i. Engineering construction department
- j. Mechanical workshops I and II
- k. A number of auxiliary and secondary plants

3. a. The plant produced:

All kinds of wheel sets for standard and narrow-gauge locomotives, tenders, railroad cars and streetcars, as well as for mining and clearing purposes

Parts of wheel sets

Rolled and cast wheel disks

Cranks

All designs of steel wheels for mining and clearing vehicles for field and industrial railroads, with roller bearings and ball bearings

Pressure sleeves and flanged pipes

Parts of tube wells

Sewage supplies

Wrought-iron connecting pieces made of seamless tubes

Engine parts and molds.

b. Wartime production included shell cases in the pressing shop, gun barrel material in mechanical workshop II and finished guns in the engineering construction department. Rocket launchers (Panzerfauste) allegedly have also been produced since mid-1944.

4. a. The Soviets ordered the plant reconstructed in early February 1947. One cupola furnace, with a capacity of three tons per hour, was first installed, and it started to make malleable iron fittings and malleable and grey iron castings for agricultural machines in April 1947.

b. The second cupola furnace may have been put into operation in January 1948. It was to be used for the chill-casting foundry. Two additional cupola furnaces and a number of machine tools were installed during 1948.

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